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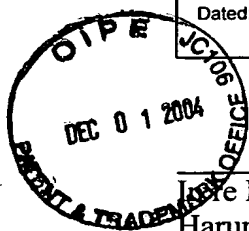
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2004 (Paper No. 20040826), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures, a translation of the priority document JP 2001-37373 and a Declaration executed by the translator is attached following page 5 of this paper.